

Claims:

1. A fishing apparatus comprising a housing having a shaft rotatably mounted therein with at least one end of said shaft comprising mounting means for a fishing rod, spring means  
5 whereby the rotation of said shaft tightens said spring, latching means whereby said shaft can be maintained in a spring loaded condition first position and will rapidly move to a second unloaded position upon the release of said latching means

2. The apparatus set forth in claim 1 wherein the movement  
10 between said first position and said second position is about forty five degrees.

3. The apparatus set forth in claim 2 wherein said latching means will release the spring loaded shaft upon a slight movement and tension applied to said shaft.

4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said housing is  
15 provided with means to mount the housing to a fixed surface including railings, sand and ice.

5. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said spring means  
comprise a coiled spring having straight tabs at each end.

6. The apparatus of claim 5 further including stop means to  
20 ensure the forty five degree movement.